

Château Castera

Médoc - Cru Bourgeois

2011



CLIMATE CONDITIONS IN THIS VINTAGE

The winter 2011 was marked by a rain deficit (150mm relatively to the last 30 years) and by a stronger cold (-3°C on average). The spring 2011 was exceptionally mild especially in April which enabled a quick and early growth of the leaves (10 days before in comparison with 2010). The blossoming period and the berry setting happened very well and quickly with a very dry climate. This water deficit almost started a drought. The earliness of the vegetative cycle made the red grapes appear at the end of July, a month before it happened in 2010. July had a lot more rain than usual and cold temperatures (19°C on average). This climate slowed down the appearance of the red grapes, all our grapes were red by the end of August which was early, but enabled to compensate for the lack of rain during Spring. However the sunny weather came back in September, enabling the harvest of each plot at its maximum maturity, 10 to 15 days in advance on average.

NOTES ON THE WINEMAKING PROCESS

The September climate enabled us to get very satisfactory technological, phenological and tasty maturities. The vinifications echoed this balance and expressed fully the quality of the terroir.

HARVEST DATES

September 15th – September 29th

TASTING NOTES

A beautiful ruby colour with flashes of light.

The 2011 vintage has got a beautiful dark purple colour, marked by red and black fruits aromas along with toasted notes. In mouth, the attack is rich and well balanced. Powerful silky tannins can be felt at the end. The structure of this wine will enable it to keep its balance throughout time and will reveal its refinement and its elegance.

Le Point - 15,5/20

"Fruit purity, tasty, unctuous, pepper, floral, sensitive, fines tanins, well-balanced and full."

Bettane et Desseauve – 14/20

"Solid structure with tough tannins and a prestigious smoothness. Traditionnal style."

Gault & Millau - 14,5/20

"This Cru bourgeois has all the qualities of this beautiful vintage, its nose lies on red berries, with a soft texture and light tannic frame that gives structure in mouth. The final is full of violets."

Gilbert & Gaillard - 88/100

Tasted 100% Blind - 87,5/100

Wine Enthusiast - 90/100

Decanter 2014 : Commended

Concours des Vins de Bordeaux 2015 - Bronze Medal

Sommeliers Wine Awards 2016 - Silver Medal

Laureate of the Crus Bourgeois Cup 2014



AREA UNDER VINES: 63 Ha

GRAPE VARIETIES:

65 % Merlot

25 % Cabernet Sauvignon

5 % Cabernet Franc

5 % Petit Verdot

SOIL:

60 % clay-limestone

40 % Pyrenean gravel

DENSITY: 7500 vines/Ha

SECOND WINE: Marquis de Castera

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